# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5131
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2005
ENCROACHMENT AROUND WORLD HERITAGE SITES
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of World Heritage Sites/Monuments in the country which are threatened by encroachments; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to stop such encroachments around World Heritage Sites/Monuments?

## Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE(SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)&(b) The details of World Heritage Monuments/Sites under the jurisdiction of the Archaeological Survey of India which are threatened by encroachment alongwith the steps taken by the Government to contain such encroachment is at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a&b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSATTED QUESTION NO. 5131 FOR 28.4.2005

The details of World Heritage Monuments/Sites under the control of Archaeological Survey of India which are threatened by encroachment alongwith the steps taken by the Government to contain such encroachment

| Sl.No. | Name of Monument/Site | Details of Encroachment | Steps Taken |
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| 1. | Pre-historic rock shelters Bhimbetaka, Distt. Raisen, Madhya Pradesh | A natural rock-shelter is encroached within the protected site | Demolition order has been issued by the Archaeological Surveyof India and Raisen District Collector, has been requested to implement the same. Encroacher has approached the district court for a decision; therefore, the matter is sub-judice. |
| 2. | Hampi Group of Monuments, Hampi (Karnataka) | Illegal encroachment is reported in the protected Bazaar in front of Virupaksha Temple at Hampi | Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority has been constituted under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Bellary who is vested with the powers to administer and govern the World Heritage Area including removal of encroachments. The Ministryof Tourism, in association with the with the Government of Karnataka has taken up a programme to resettle the shopkeepe |